



SUMMERFAIR CINCINNATI

Supporting and Promoting
Artists and the Arts Year-Round

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Words From Our President:

First off, I would like to wish you and your families / friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. May you all have a fun, safe, and enjoyable holiday season!

Looking ahead to 2009, we will have our challenges. We all feel the impact of the current economic climate, both personally and at work. Summerfair certainly isn't any different. We need to deal with rising costs, lower attendance, and competing priorities. 2009 will need to be a year of yet further change for us. Everyone is being very diligent about budgets and that is greatly appreciated. We'll need to take that even farther by looking at our own "business model" and how we operate. I know this organization is up for the challenge. We can deal with floods, thunder and lightning....we can deal with this! I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Christmas party and again, I wish you all the best in this Holiday Season.

Dave

December means we can skip the meeting and have a party!

This year our Holiday Party is being held at the home of our new Vice President of Membership - Jayne Utter.

On December 13th we will all celebrate the holiday season together with food, drink, gifts and fun!

See the flier within this newsletter for more details.



For over 40 years, Summerfair has been supporting and promoting artists and the arts in Greater Cincinnati. The organization's activities include? Supports for individual artists including grants and exhibitions; community-based art activities and events; and a nationally-recognized annual fine arts fair.

The effectiveness of Summerfair activities has earned the organization regional and national recognition including: Greater Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau Outstanding Service Award, Southwestern Ohio Art Education Award for Distinguished Organization, American Marketing Association Community Impact Award, the National Association of Independent Artists Artists' Choice Award and the Post-Corbett Award of Excellence.



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ASK A GREENSHIRT!

Q: This month the question is reversed -- oh gentle reader, I pose this question to you: Where will you be on December 13 at 8:00? Is there a white elephant in the room? I hear there's a party going on somewhere!!

A: Your answer?



Challenge from our Sponsorship Committee

Please help the Summerfair Sponsorship Committee gather local business and companies to approach to assist in our 2009 Sponsor and Fundraising challenge. During these lean times we are looking for several area business to assist us with our continuing mission to support local Artists and art groups in the greater Cincinnati area.

We challenge each of you to suggest 2 businesses prior to the February 2009 membership meeting. Please email either Joe or Nate with your suggestions. Company names, contact person and any telephone numbers would be appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your help.

SEASON'S ❄️
GREETINGS

Announcement on Meeting Change!

I would like to thank all of you who filled out the survey! We got a great response and feel the results will help us make decisions to better the organization. All results have not yet been sent to us but we did ask Beyond Data Inc. to let us know the results of the meeting dates and locations questions so 2009 can start off as you wished. Monday was **by far** the popular day of the week for our meetings. And I'd like to announce we all played fair when choosing the location and **central** it will be. So the membership team has picked a new location for our meetings and would like to invite you to join us! Since there will be no December meeting (other than the fabulous Holiday Party *flier within this newsletter* on the 13th) and the third Monday in January is Martin Luther King Day we've decided to move the meeting up one week. And in February there is Presidents Day and we'll do the same. Then we'll go back to the third Monday of every month from then on. If this seems confusing just read your newsletters (a good thing to do with the contests held at the meetings) and put it on your calendars. So here is the official invite!

MEETING: SUMMERFAIR CINCINNATI

WHEN: JANUARY 12, 2009 7:00 PM—meet Sharon Martin 2009 poster artist

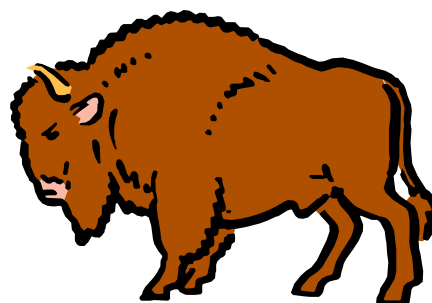
WHERE: BUFFALO WINGS AND RINGS – 4747 MONTGOMERY ROAD – JUST SOUTH OF THE NORWOOD LATERAL - SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

<http://www.buffalowingsandrings.com/restaurant-oh-norwood.html>

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MEETING AND AFTER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING DINNER OR COCKTAILS BUT YOU SHOULD NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO PURCHASE ANYTHING. OUR MEETING ROOM IS IN THE BACK AND NOT IN THE RESTURANT AREA.

Please put this on your calendar and note the time. **7:00 will start the meeting.** If you want dinner before that's great but don't be late. And if you have things to talk over with others they are open late so stay in our room or go up front to have a Coke or tea a wing or ring and talk away.

Jayne– your VP Membership



Come one ~ come all ~ to the Summerfair Holiday Party!

Holiday Party Time!

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Dec.13th

Arrive at 8:00!

It's time again for all of us

To join together to celebrate another

Holiday season! This years event will be held

at the home of our Membership VP. There will be a gift

exchange so please bring a re-gift or something new. Remember

after giving & taking you may be going home with the gift you brought so

make it creative! Please contact Jayne with the hors d'oeuvre or dessert you

would like to bring.

We will provide

Pop and set ups.

RSVP ASAP!!

How? Where?



Jayne Utter 2842 Pine Grove Ave Cincinnati OH 45208 513-321-1346 connect@wildjayne.com

CALLING ALL GREEN SHIRTS

Do you have loved ones or friends who enjoy working at the Fair? Well, let them know if they fill out the Volunteer Registration Form before January 31, 2009, they will have their request given first preference. Just have them indicate that they are a friend of a green shirt on the form under the Special Needs section. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis for all those who indicate they are a friend of a green shirt and whose form is received by January 31, 2009. If a requested area or time frame is filled, I will contact the friend to see if they are willing to sign up elsewhere. Remember we will only have one t-shirt/poster area this year. After that, **all** requests will be filled in the order they are received until areas and time frames are filled.

Forms can be found online at www.summerfair.org or if you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Anne Poppe.

Special notes: we will only have one t-shirt/poster area this year AND we've been promised some shade booths over at the East Gate so no baking this year!



Come and enjoy some post holiday fun with Opening Night of Summerfair's 2009 Emerging Artists exhibit at Anderson Center. Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 5 to 7pm, lower level lobby.

SUMMERFAIR CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED:

Berry and Wilson Inc, on behalf of the youth of Cincinnati, are currently accepting butter tubs, margarine tubs, yogurt cups (any type of small containers including coffee cans) suitable for paints, brushes and the like. To be used by young artists. With lids preferred. In exchange, will offer raffle tickets. No limit - will accept all (coffee cans as well.) For more info contact Berry or Wilson in person or via email at: thefair2009@yahoo.com --- better yet, bring them to the next Summerfair Meeting!

WANTED:

Position available immediately - great company, fun-family-friendly event planning. Are you an extraordinary person (or persons) who enjoys art, loves the sun, pays attention to details, enthusiastic and doesn't mind an occasional raindrop or two? This is the place for you! (Some computer and email skills necessary.) Will train. Please send inquiry to: thefair2009@yahoo.com

ENTERTAINMENT:

TriCounty Players' presents "Christmas by Committee" a family friendly musical, about the year Santa and Rudolph were both sick, and Mrs. Claus and the elves, and her friends saved the day!

Dec 5, 6,12,13 at 7:30 pm

Produced by Koben Hinman

10100 Reading Rd. Evendale 45241 in the Cinti State Workforce Development Center on opposite side of street from new Wal-Mart, just south of Glendale -Milford Rd.

Adults \$10, 12yrs and under \$5, and under 5 yrs free. Free parking, all first floor access

December 2008 SFC's D.E.V.'s Presented by - Executive Director, Sharon Strubbe

What's a D.E.V.?

D: ded' i – cat' ed adj. Devoted, faithful

E: en-thu' si – as' tic adj. Intense or eager interest, zeal

V: vol – un – teer n. one who chooses freely to do something



Meet SFC's Dec. 2008 D.E.V. Nathan Stein

Nathan is BRAND NEW to the Summerfair Cincinnati organization, having come on board as our new Fine

Arts Fund Business on Board volunteer. During our “speed dating” event at the Playhouse in the Park, Nathan was drawn to Summerfair by our mission of using an arts fair to promote the arts throughout the Greater Cincinnati region. Nathan's favorite thing about being a volunteer is having so many opportunities to contribute to the organization – “it's very energizing to feel so productive”!

Currently using his many development talents, Nathan is sitting on the Fundraising/Sponsorship committee.

The 2009 Fair will be Nathan's first, so he's yet to form “fond memories” of any one special green shirt experience...but, we'll make sure that changes during the upcoming Fair.

Nathan resides in Amberley Village with his partner and has no kids. He's a Sales Coordinator with Aflac, Inc. (add duck quacking noises here!). He loves to read, enjoys running and travel; his favorite vacation spot is St. George Island, which is his family retreat.

Nathan enjoys a good steak and rooting on his UK Wildcats. Currently, he's reading *The Road*.

Please join me in welcoming Nathan to the Summerfair Cincinnati family!

Meet SFC's Dec. 2008 D.E.V. Ann Flynn

Ann Flynn is a 6 year member of Summerfair Cincinnati, having joined after experiencing Summerfair as a rite of spring for herself and her family. She decided 6 years ago that it was time to learn more about the organization and to give back to the arts community through joining. She enjoys helping make decisions that will shape the growth of Summerfair Cincinnati's future, by using her professional expertise as a marketing professional and sitting on the marketing committee.

So openly honest, when asked about her one favorite memory from volunteering at the Fair, Ann said “Volunteering at the Fair is fun, but who are we kidding?!? It's ALL about the shopping!” So keep your eyes peeled and make way in those booths for Ann's fast hand as she pulls out the credit card at the 09 Fair! Her favorite poster? The next one. She enjoys the anticipation of seeing the entries and learning the outcome of the vote the best.

Ann lives in Anderson with her husband, another Summerfair Cincinnati member/volunteer, Bob Bader. They have no children, but enjoy their 6 nieces and 3 nephews. Ann owns 2 companies (she's one busy gal); one in market research and Star Glazers – a mobile paint-your-own pottery service. She brings everything needed to paint pottery, helps with your projects, then takes the pieces home with her to glaze fire (awesome, big kilns out in her garage – amazing!). The pieces come back to you in two weeks, glazed and ready to use. She does birthday parties, ladies nights, fundraisers, church groups, after school enrichment, and corporate gigs.

When those two companies aren't keeping her busy, she also enjoys volleyball, hiking and traveling. Her favorite vacation spot is exotic Maui and when asked her favorite food and drink, she said ice and most kinds of fruit. Ann's currently in the middle of about 4 books, but she does keep up daily with Time magazine and the Enquirer. Her favorite sports teams are the volleyball teams she plays on.

Meet SFC's Dec. 2008 D.E.V. Bob Bader

Another 6 year member of Summerfair Cincinnati, Bob enjoys doing volunteer work in an area that he enjoys; the arts. His favorite thing about being a member/volunteer of Summerfair is the people. He likes filling in wherever he's needed; we can always count on Bob to help with IT issues and I've heard that he's being groomed to become a member of the illustrious "Gang" at the Fair (I keep wondering what sort of "initiation" rites he's been put through, but am too scared to ask! I think it might have something to do with water guns?!) Bob enjoys driving the golf carts at the Fair (is this part of the job description for the gang?!) and states that there are a lot of the posters that he likes, but that he's still waiting for one to become his favorite.

Bob lives in Anderson with his wife, Ann Flynn and is employed at Children's Hospital Medical Center as a Computer administrator. His hobbies include being a musician – he's the drummer in the band Spare Change (www.sparechangeincy.com). Bob's favorite vacation spot is Disney and enjoys Coke Zero and deep dish pizza.

Thank You and CONGRATULATIONS to our three December 2008 SFC D.E.V.s

FAIR NEWS 2009

My goodness - we've reached the halfway point!!! How fitting that the lights are twinkling and the air is sparkling with excitement!! Is it the holidays or could it be anticipation for the upcoming 2009 Fair?

This year's poster has been chosen - thanks to everyone who voted and to Cindy (and her crew of judges) we have a great poster for this year once again!! Whoo Hoo! (Thank you for choosing something purdy!) And if you missed the November meeting where we voted on it -- mark your Calendars now, plan to head over to Joseph-Beth Booksellers for the "grand reveal" in February. We'll have a sign-up sheet and more details at the January meeting.

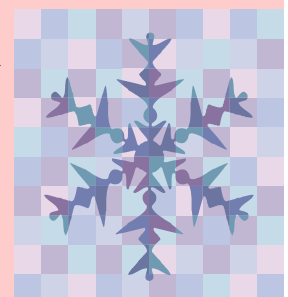
Thanks to the hard work of Roger and the Art Ops team, as well as Sharon and the folks at Zapp - the online electronic application process for our fair's artists is set to begin! Our first year heading into the digital age! We'll be opening the application / submission period within the week. Tell all the artists you know to keep their eyes on the Summerfair website. Ok, it's not as exciting as watching Ticketmaster for those Billy Joel/ Elton John tickets to go on sale -- but it's close, right?

With the new year, the fair wheels will begin turning a little more quickly. Division Head meetings will begin in January. In addition, we'll begin pounding the green pavement in search of hibernating green shirts. Joyously shouting the wake up call: It's coming! We need you! It's time to come out and play! It's time!

There's electricity in the air - whichever way you look at it!

Enjoy the holidays! Hold your loved ones close! Count your blessings! And know that we count you and the work you do among our blessings this year and into the next. Thank You!

Happy Holidays!!
-Terri & Bill J
Fair Chairs 2009



Summerfair Cincinnati Event Calendar

Saturday, December 13th @ 8pm- Summerfair Holiday Party:
Home of Jayne Utter, 2842 Pine Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45208;
513-321-1346; connect@wildjayne.com

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Anderson Center, lower level lobby.

Monday, February 9th @ 7pm- Membership Meeting:
Buffalo Wings and Rings– 4747 Montgomery Road



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